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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

an audio processing means receiving data within said computer system for processing digital audio signals into a digital audio signal with a left and right channel;

a sound system for providing stereo sound with a left and a right stereo output signal within said computer system receiving said digital audio signals; and

a display, said display providing a visual graphical image suitable for receipt of a control signal, wherein one of said stereo output signals is provided for a loudspeaker and the other of said stereo output signals is provided for a headset; said audio processing means upon said [[a]] control signal providing an audio signal either on said left or on said right channel, wherein a providing of an audio signal to only one of said left or right channel corresponds to a providing of an audio signal to only a corresponding one of said loudspeaker or said headset.

2. (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said computer system is coupled with a data network and said receiving data are packetized audio data.

3. (Previously Presented) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said computer system is coupled with a telephony network and said receiving data are telephony (analog or digital) audio data.

4. (Previously Presented)A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said system is a telephony over network system.

5. (Currently Amended) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said control signal is generated by a manual input device coupled with said computer ~~data processing~~ system.

6. (Currently Amended) Method for providing audio signals within a data processing system comprising the steps of:

receiving a digital signal representing an audio signal;

presenting a visual graphical image suitable for receipt of a control signal;

receiving a control signal;

processing said digital signal to generate a stereo signal having a left and right stereo audio channels and upon said control signal providing said audio signal for either a left or right stereo audio channel, wherein one of said stereo channels is provided for a loudspeaker and not for a headset and the other one of said stereo channels is provided for said headset and not said loudspeaker, whereby selection is effected between said loudspeaker and said headset; and

converting said stereo signal into analog signals.

7. (Original) Method according to claim 6, wherein said digital signal is provided by a telephony over network system and said control signal is received after a ringing signal is detected.

8. (Original) Method according to claim 7, wherein the ringing signal is output on both audio channels.

9. (Original) Method according to claim 7, wherein the ringing signal is output on one audio channel.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) Method for providing audio signals within a data processing system having a stereo audio output system with a left and a right channel, wherein one channel is coupled with a loudspeaker and the other channel is coupled with a headset, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a digital signal representing an audio signal provided by a telephony over network system;

receiving a ringing signal;

generating a ringing sound on at least one of said channels of the stereo output system, wherein said one channel is the channel coupled with the loudspeaker;

presenting a visual graphical image suitable for receipt of a control signal;

receiving said [[a]] control signal after said ringing signal is detected;

processing said digital signal to generate a stereo signal and upon said control signal providing said audio signal for either a left or right stereo audio channel;

converting said stereo signal into analog signals; and

providing said stereo signal to said stereo audio output system.

13. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 12, wherein said ringing sound is generated with a pre-defined volume.

14. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 12, wherein said ringing sound is generated for both channels of said stereo output system, wherein each channel comprises a pre-defined volume.

15. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 12, generating said ringing sound on at least one of said channels of the stereo output system independent from the selected audio channel.

16. (Previously Presented) Computer system according to claim 1, wherein audio signal provided to either said left or right channel would is from a same audio source.

17. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 1, wherein audio signal provided to either said left or right channel would is from a same audio source.

18. (New) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said visual graphical image includes a plurality of icons, each of said plurality of icons representing at least one of a speaker selection, a headset selection or a cancel selection.

19. (New) Method according to claim 6, wherein said visual graphical image includes a plurality of icons, each of said plurality of icons representing at least one of a speaker selection, a headset selection or a cancel selection.

20. (New) Method according to claim 12, wherein said visual graphical image includes a plurality of icons, each of said plurality of icons representing at least one of a speaker selection, a headset selection or a cancel selection.